GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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MATERIAL ON COMMUNAL HARMONY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether material on communal harmony following Gujarat carnage has been conceived/ prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the arrangement made by press teams with media and co-ordination/ collaboration efforts made in this regard; and

(c) the result achieved thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. All India Radio and Doordarshan have broadcast a number ofprogrammes with a view to promoting communal harmony. Press Information Bureau hasissued a number of articles and features with the same objective and also helped in organizing a Seminar on `Role of media in communal harmony and peace`. The Song andDrama Division prepared scripts on the theme of National Integration and CommunalHarmony for presentation in Gujarat while the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity produced a compendium of the Prime Minister`s observations and statements onthe subject. Such efforts are helpful in restoring normalcy.